

REMARKS

Claims 56 and 57 are pending in the present application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following comments and the amendments above.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the indication that Claims 56 and 57 are allowable and would be allowed if presented in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claims (see paragraph 6 of the Advisory Action). To ensure timely filing of the present amendment and to ensure pendency while the Examiner reviews the enclosed amendment, Applicants submit herewith a Notice of Appeal. Consistent with this indication, Applicants have canceled all the rejected and withdrawn claims leaving only allowable Claims 56 and 57. Applicants request expeditious allowance of Claims 56 and 57.

The rejections of: (a) Claims 27-29, 35, 39, 43, 44, and 48 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph (written description; new matter); (b) Claims 27-29, 35, 39, 43, 44, and 48 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph (written description and enablement); (c) Claims 27-29, 35, 39, 43, 44 and 48 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph; (d) Claims 27-29 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (a) over Barnes et al; (e) Claims 27-29, 35, 39 and 43 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (f); (f) Claims 27-29, 35, 39 and 43 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) over Guerin-Marchand et al (WO92/13884) in the light of the translation provided in U.S. Patent No. 6,270,771, and (g) Claims 27-29, 35, 39 and 43 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (e) over Guerin-Marchand (U.S. Patent No. 6,319,502), are obviated by cancellation of these claims. Acknowledgement that these rejections have been withdrawn is requested.

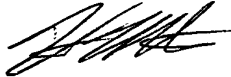
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Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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